

REMARKS

Claims 1-47, 49-53, 55, and 56 are pending. Claims 1-25 and 43-45 are canceled herein.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 26, 46 and 55 are amended.

Claim 26 has been amended to delete the second range for the density-control agent.

Claim 46 has been amended to remove the identification of support found below the claim.

Claim 55 has been amended to change “said expandable thermoplastic density control agent” to “said expandable thermoplastic microsphere” for agreement with part (c) of the claim.

No new matter has been added by the above claim amendments.

Claim Objections

Claim 46 is objected to because it contained reference paragraph numbers. OA, p.2. The paragraph numbers have been removed by amendment. Thus, the objection should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

§ 112, second paragraph

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, a broad range is recited within claim 26 together with a narrower range for the same substance. OA, p. 3.

Claim 26 has been amended to remove one of the ranges. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the claims herein are in condition for allowance, and accordingly request a Notice of Allowance. The Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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